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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

October 3, 2012

Reviewed: 

Mine Name: Soma Quarry	Permit Number: S/023/0065
Operator Name: Nephi Sandstone	Inspection Date: October 2, 2012
Inspector(s): Wayne Western	Time: 12:15 – 1:00 pm
Other Participants: none	Mine Status: ACT
Weather Condition: Mostly sunny 80's	Last Inspection: June 13, 2012
Bond Renewal Date: Feb. 25, 2009	Bond Amount: \$12,000.00
Surface Ownership: BLM	Mineral Ownership: Fee
Last Year of Production: 2002	Acreage: 3 Acres

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Bond/Bond Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Annual Fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Re-vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection:

To determine if the site had been reclaimed.

Inspection Summary:

The Permittee has not posted the full amount of the cash bond. The Permittee posted \$10,000 in cash but the bond amount should be \$24,600.00 for a three year escalation or \$25,200.00 for a five year escalation. The Permittee agree to do so in 2011. The Division still has the surety bond but the company cancelled the policy. The surety is still liable for disturbance prior to cancellation.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining requires that the Soma Quarry be reclaimed. Regrading and seeding must be completed by September 30, 2012. This requirement is being made for failure to maintain an adequate reclamation surety and because, according to the Division's records, the site has been inactive for approximately ten years. Rule R647-3-113.5 allows the Division to require reclamation after five years of continued suspension and requires the Division to order reclamation after ten years of suspension.

The Permittee did not reclaim the site.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The Division should forfeit the bond and reclaim the site.

Directions to Site:

Inspector's Signature

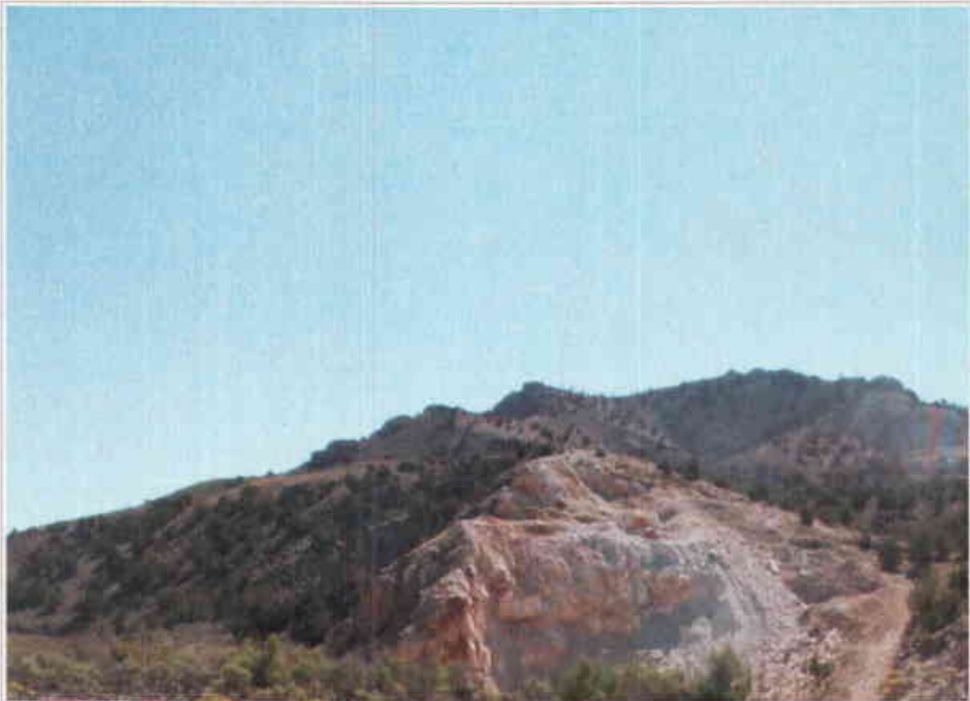
WHW:

cc: (OPERATOR)

Jerry Mansfield, BLM

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Overview of site – note road to upper pad should be reclaimed.



Overhangs



Upper pit



Upper pit